



Office of the City Manager

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Dear Aransas Pass Residents,

Recent events in Animal Control have prompted a review of current policies and practices.

The function and mission of Animal Control, is indeed CONTROL. Control of the animal population is the public health mission of Animal Control, which means we are in the business of controlling the stray and wild animal population within the City Limits. Our main function is therefore euthanization, and not adoption. The facility was not set up to be an adoption site. The funds for veterinary services were not budgeted, nor were the current facilities set up to handle adoptions, etc. The department is not Animal Care Services, but rather Animal Control.

Future review of the mission and goal of the center is under way.

While we understand the emotional aspect of the animal control facility, we must take into account the overall public health of the residents and pet animal populations. We would be derelict in our responsibility to adopt out animals who have not been properly health screened who have the potential to spread disease to other animals or residents.

Discussion with the local SPCA on assistance with their future building is underway.

We **encourage** assistance from volunteer organizations or veterinary services to assist with an alternate mission and goals for a future *Animal Care Services* Department.

For any information, please contact my office directly at citymanager@aransaspasstx.gov or 361.758.5301

Respectfully,

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